

**S/N 09/688,006** **PATENT**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: USING CONSTRAINT-BASED HEURISTICS TO SATISFICE STATIC  
          SOFTWARE PARTITIONING AND ALLOCATION OF HETEROGENEOUS  
          DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

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This responds to the Office Action mailed on November 7, 2007. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Office Action, thereby moving the deadline for response from February 7, 2008 to May 7, 2008.